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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 15, 2006 FILED WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

A Response to the office action dated June 15, 2006 was due on September 15, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time (large entity, 3 months) is filed herewith, extending the date to December 15, 2006. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as being timely filed and fully responsive. A RCE is being filed simultaneously with this response.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows. Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2. Remarks begin on page 7.